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SUBJECT: RFI: STATUS OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO KSF TRAINING

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[1](#)C. NATO DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO EUR/RPM

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Richard G. Olson, reasons 1.4 (b and d)

[1](#)1. (C) Request for Information: USNATO requests updated information on U.S. contributions to the training of the Kosovo Security Force. We urgently need to know whether the United States has/will respond positively to NATO's request for U.S. Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) to be sent to Pristina as early as June. We also need to know how many VNCs we intend to provide, as well as our timeline for their arrival.

BACKGROUND

[1](#)2. (C) In accordance with the Comprehensive Framework Agreement for Kosovo Status Settlement (also known as the Ahtisaari Plan), NATO is in the process of staffing civilian and military training teams to implement NATO's assumption of new tasks associated with the development and civilian control of a future Kosovo Security Force (KSF). In January 2008, NATO SecGen requested (Ref A) Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) from nations to be sent to Pristina for a period of 12 months beginning as early as June. On May 6, NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Defense Policy and Planning sent a letter to Ambassador Nuland inviting the U.S. to provide VNCs with respect to at least five positions that remain unfilled.
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